1	2	3
28.	Punjab	18
29.	Rajasthan	32
30.	Sikkim	04
31.	Tripura	04
32.	Uttar Pradesh	67
33.	Uttaranchal	13
34.	West Bengal	15
	TOTAL:	554

Allocation for Education

338. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, to improve the state of education in the country, Government plans to increase allocation for expenditure on this sector to Rs. 2,77,837 crores during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, from Rs. 59,181 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether this allocation includes expenditure on elementary, adult and higher education;

(c) whether according to the Planning Commission data, total public expenditure, plan and non-plan, to education in 2006-07 was about 3.79 per cent of the gross domestic product and this is expected to increase to 5 per cent of GDP by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) to what extent this raising of fund would help in improving education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Eleventh Five Year Plan, as approved by National Development Council (NDC), an allocation of Rs. 2,69,873 crore has been provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) (Rs. 1,84,930 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy, and Rs. 84,943 crore for the Department of Higher Education) as compared to a total expenditure of about Rs. 58,820 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan. This allocation of Ministry of HRD for Eleventh Five Year Plan includes allocations for elementary, secondary, adult, general higher and technical education.

(c) Planning Commission has indicated that substantial increase proposed in allocation for Ministry of HRD during Eleventh Five Year Plan over the Tenth Five Year Plan expenditure, reflects the high priority being given to education sector and represents a credible progress towards raising the public spending to 6% of the GDP. As per the data available with Ministry of Human Resource Development public expenditure on education as percentage of GDP during 2006-07 is about 3.6%.

(d) The increased allocation during Eleventh Plan is expected to lead to increased access while ensuring quality and inclusiveness.